

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue Department - Disciplinary action against Smt GMR Rani Dutt, former Tahsildar, Balijipeta mandal, Vizianagaram district (now retired) - Common Departmental proceedings initiated u/r 24 r/w R 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules - Impose Punishment of withholding entire Pension and gratuity permanently against Smt G.M.R.Rani Dutt, Tahsildar (Retd) – Orders - Issued.

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G.O.Rt.No. 1043

Dated: 06.07.2013
Read the following

- 1) From the CCLA's Lr.No.VS - I (3)/2802/2009, dt.04.01.2011.
- 2).Government Memo No.1760/Vig.II(1)/2011-1, dt.21-12.2011.
- 3) From Smt GMR Rani dutt, former Tahsildar, Balijipeta Mandal, Vizianagaram district now retired, Explanation, dt.12.12.2012.
- 4)Letter No.1760/Vig.II(1)/2011-6, dt. 22-2-2013.
- 5)From the Secretary A.P.P.S.C Lr.No.579/RT/3/2013
dt.16.3.2013

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration Hyderabad has informed that departmental common disciplinary proceedings were initiated against the following officials of Balijipeta Mandal of Vizianagaram District under rule 24 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 by framing article of charges for their alleged common involvement in committing certain irregularities in distribution of Government funds to the ryots of Balijipeta Mandal for the crops damaged in the month of September, 2008.

- 1.Smt.G.M.R.Rani Dutt, former Tahsildar, Balijipeta Mandal, (now retired).
2. Sri K. Appala Raju, Deputy Tahsildar and
3. Sri A. John Paul, Junior Assistant

As the above Accused Officers have denied the charges framed against them, the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad has appointed the Joint Collector, Vizianagaram as Inquiry Authority and the District Revenue Officer, Vizianagaram as Presenting Officer. The Joint Collector & Inquiry Authority, after an enquiry into the matter, has submitted his Enquiry report stating that Smt. G.M.R.Rani Dutt, former Tahsildar, Balijipeta Mandal, (now retired) has violated the instruction of the Collectorto distribute relief through crossed cheques only. She has drawn the amount in cash and failed to account for the amount drawn. Hence, she has misappropriated the amount of Rs.4,79,600/- (4,49,600/- + 30.000/-) meant for relief to the affected farmers for crop damages. Hence, the charge is held PROVED.

2. After examining the entire issue keeping in view the findings of enquiry officer, Government have provisionally decided to impose a punishment of withholding of entire pension and gratuity permanently on Smt.G.M.R.Rani Dutt, Tahsildar (Retired) and issued Show Cause Notice vide reference 2nd read above for her representation in the matter.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, Smt. G.M.R.Rani Dutt, formerly Tahsildar, has submitted her representation stating that earlier her defence statement filed before the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, she has explained the circumstances under which the concerned Junior Assistant was entrusted with encashment of the relief amount and its disbursement.

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While holding the above charge as proved, the Enquiry Officer ignored the submissions made in her earlier defence statements and also her objections filed before him during the course of enquiry. The findings of the Enquiring Officer are only presumptive in nature. The findings of I.A are not basing on the facts. The Enquiry Officer noticed clear difference in the signature in the pay-in-slip, which clearly indicated that she was not the person who remitted back the amount of Rs.1.00 lakh.

4. She has further submitted that her husband, who is 73 years old, is sick (with heart problem, B.P. & Diabetes) and has no earnings of his own. She has to meet his medical expenditure. Due to certain family disputes her daughter and grandson are staying with her. She has no other source of income and is struggling very hard to feed her family members meeting all types of unforeseen expenditure at this old age.

5. She has finally stated that she has put in more than 37 years of service and served the Department with a dedicated mind and never indulged in any sort of malpractices during her entire service. She always worked hard to the utmost satisfaction of her superior officers and general public. She never received any adverse comments or complaints and on the other hand she received commendations from her officers wherever she worked. She never exhibited any doubtful integrity. Her past record of service be verified and considered before taking a final decision as the punishment indicated in the Show Cause Notice would throw her on the roads on this old age. She has therefore requested to drop further action against her.

6. After careful examination of the representation of Smt.G.M.R.Rani Dutt, Tahsildar (Retd) keeping in view the findings of the Enquiry Officer, Government have observed that the E.O. in his findings has stated that she is violated the instruction of the Collector to distribute the relief through crossed cheques only and she has drawn the amount in cash and failed to account for the amount drawn. Hence, she has misappropriated the amount of Rs.4,79,600/- meant for relief to the affected farmers for crop damages. Hence, Govt. have decided to impose a punishment of withholding entire pension and gratuity permanently against Smt.G.M.R.Rani Dutt, Tahsildar (Retired) after due consultation with the A.P. Public Service Commission. Accordingly Government hereby impose a punishment of withholding entire pension and gratuity permanently against Smt.G.M.R.Rani Dutt, Tahsildar (Retired). A copy of concurrence of A.P. Public Service Commission in the matter is enclosed.

7 The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad is requested to take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Smt.G.M.R.Rani Dutt, Tahsildar (Retired),
(through the Special Chief Secretary &
the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration,
Hyderabad).

The Special Chief Secretary &
Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad

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The District Treasury Officer, Vizianagaram.
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER